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Ohio July 1 Small Grains Forecast

Ohio's 2016 winter wheat production is forecast at 41.8 million bushels according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. This report is based on current conditions as of July 1, 2016. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report are as follows:

The Ohio winter wheat yield is forecast at 76 bushels per acre, which would be a 9 bushel increase from last year and a new State record yield. Dry conditions throughout June allowed crop quality to improve and for harvesting to progress at a fast pace. As of July 3, crop condition was rated at 84 percent good to excellent, and harvest was 56 percent complete, compared with 10 percent harvested at the same time last year.

Oat yield in Ohio is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, 2 bushels higher than the previous year. Oat planting finished on schedule at the end of May. By July 3, 92 percent of the oats were headed, ahead of both last year and the 5 year average, and 76 percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.63 billion bushels, up 8 percent from the June 1 forecast and up 19 percent from 2015. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at a record high 53.9 bushels per acre, up 3.4 bushels from last month and up 11.4 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 30.2 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2016 but down 6 percent from last year.

U.S. oat production is forecast at 76.6 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2015. Growers expect to harvest 1.17 million acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2016, but down 9 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 65.8 bushels per acre, down 4.4 bushels from 2015.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	50	70	75	2,753	3,088	3,027
Harvested 1,000 acres	35	40	55	1,035	1,276	1,165
Yield Bushels	63.0	63.0	65.0	67.9	70.2	65.8
Production 1,000 bu	2,205	2,520	3,575	70,232	89,535	76,609
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	620	520	590	42,409	39,461	36,538
Harvested 1,000 acres	545	480	550	32,299	32,257	30,176
Yield Bushels	74.0	67.0	76.0	42.6	42.5	53.9
Production 1,000 bu	40,330	32,160	41,800	1,377,216	1,370,188	1,627,664

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